REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-7, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e); and (2) allowed claims 14 and 16. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, 12, and 13. In light of these amendments, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative below if any questions arise or she may be of assistance to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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